

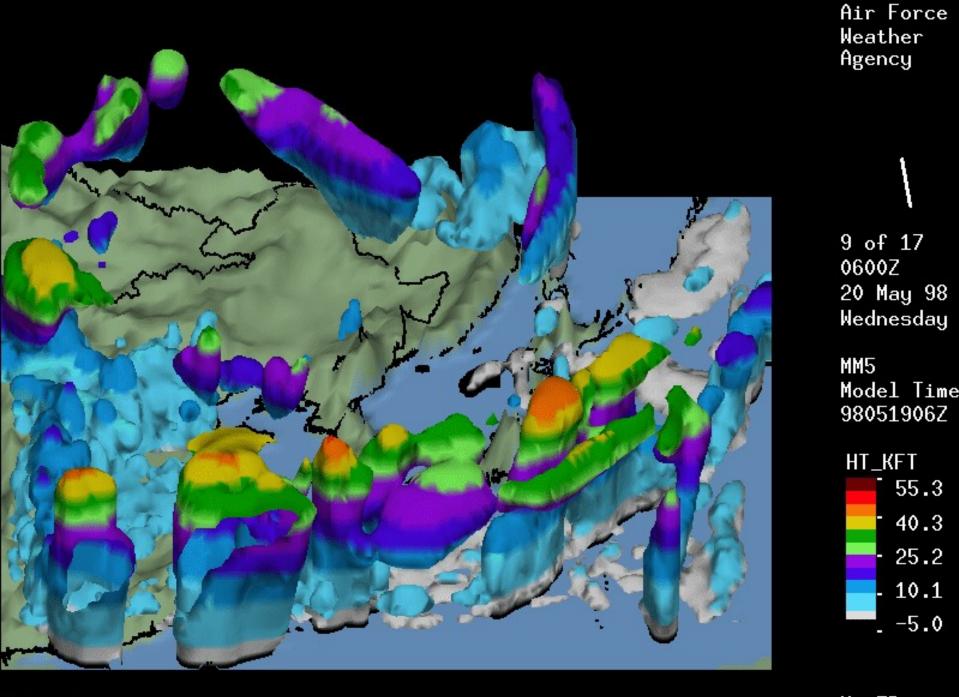
"Choose The Weather For Battle"





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Setup, Operation, and Teardown





Operating Characteristics



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Operating Characteristics

- T-VSAT Computer and Satellite Receiver
 - Temperature: 0 to +38 degrees Celsius
 - Relative Humidity: < 90% non-condensing
- Low Noise Block Down-Converter (LNB)
 - Temperature: -40 to +60 degrees Celsius
 - Relative Humidity: 0 to 100%
- Point: Keep T-VSAT computer equipment cool
- Point: Keep T-VSAT computer equipment dry

System Components

SEVENTH MR FORCE

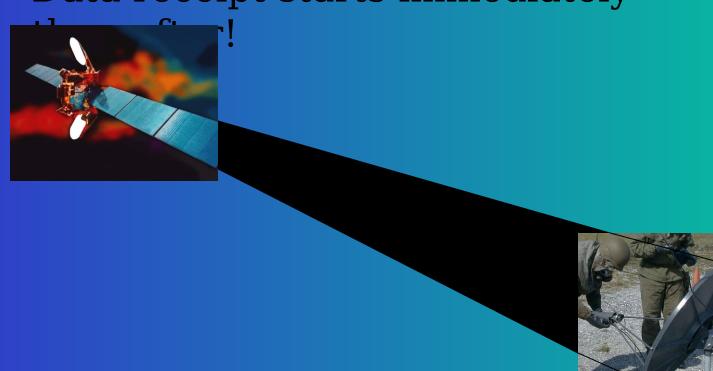
- 1.0 meter reflector
- Low noise block down-converters (LNB) for CONUS,
 - Europe, and WestPac
- 300 Mhz Gateway 2000 Laptop Computer
- Docking Station with network interface

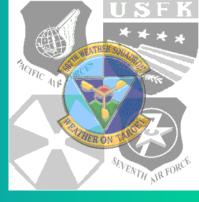
control (NIC)

- IP Relay Satellite Receiver
- Additional NIC card
- Coaxial and 10 Base T cables
- Satellite Finder-Meter
- Tactical case with foam dividers

Setup Time

- 15-20 Minutes
- Data receipt starts immediately





External Connections

- T-VSAT is a communications system
- Weather information received as files
- Files can be transmitted to other systems
 - IMETS
 - AMIS
 - Other computers
- In a tactical scenario, these other systems rely
 - on the T-VSAT for data

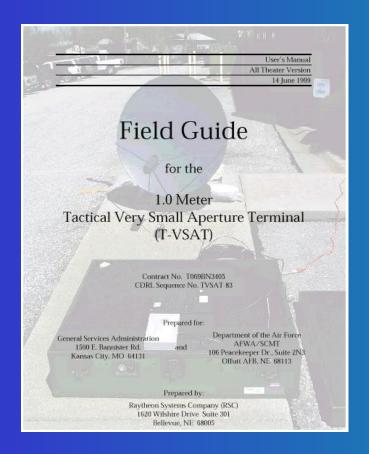
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Troubleshooting on Site







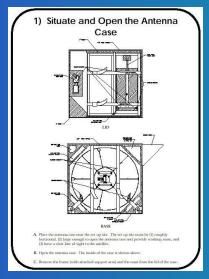
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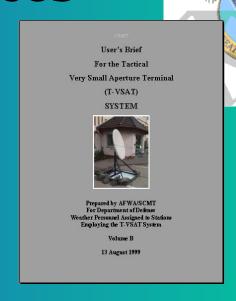
- Consolidated Help Desk
 - -DSN 271-2586
 - -Commercial (402) 294-2586
 - VSAT and T-VSAT Trained
 - -24/7 Support
- T-VSAT Contractor Logistics Support
 - Over-the-phone troubleshooting
 - Ships parts to you upon component failure

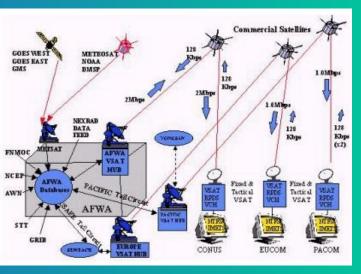


AFWA Resources

- VSAT Web Page
 - Technical Notes
 - Diagrams and Illustrations
 - Extended Troubleshooting
 - System Descriptions
 - http://wwwmil.offutt.af.mil/afwa





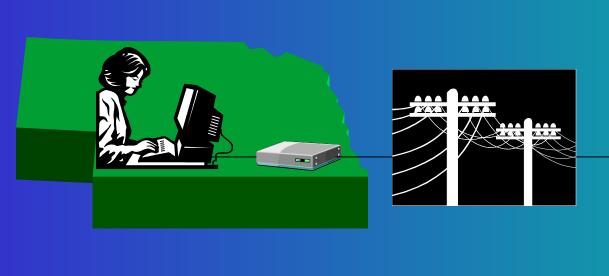


Basic Satellite Communications

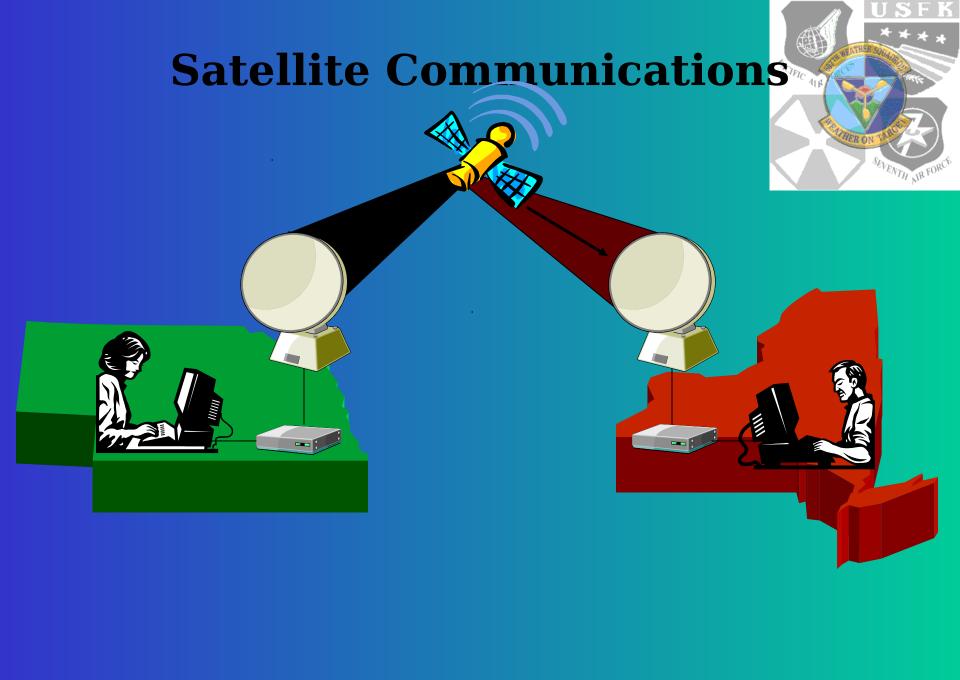


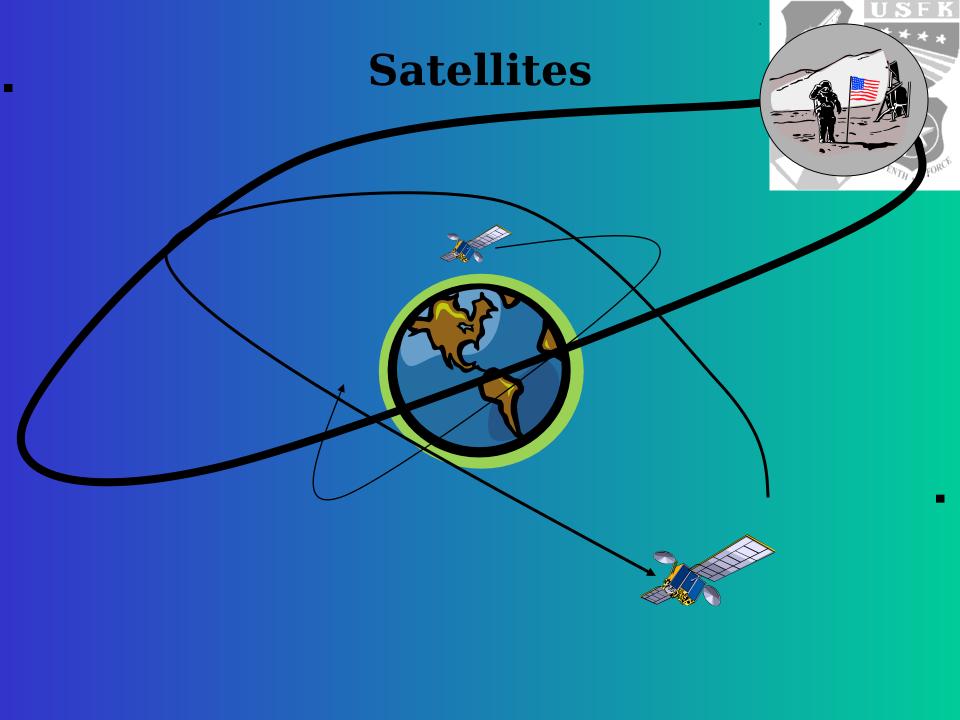


Communications Circuits





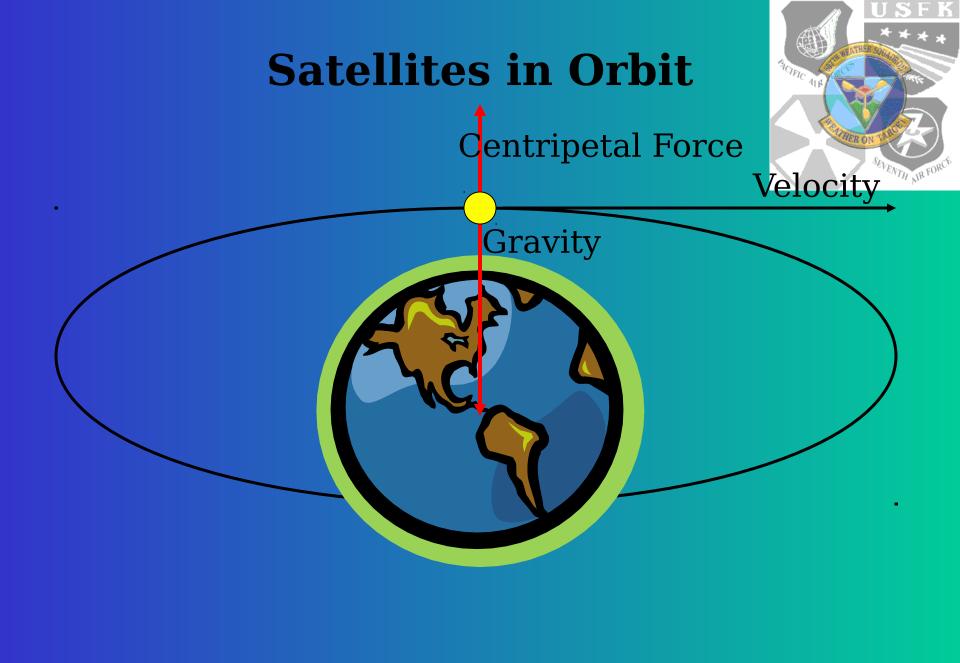




Satellite Movements



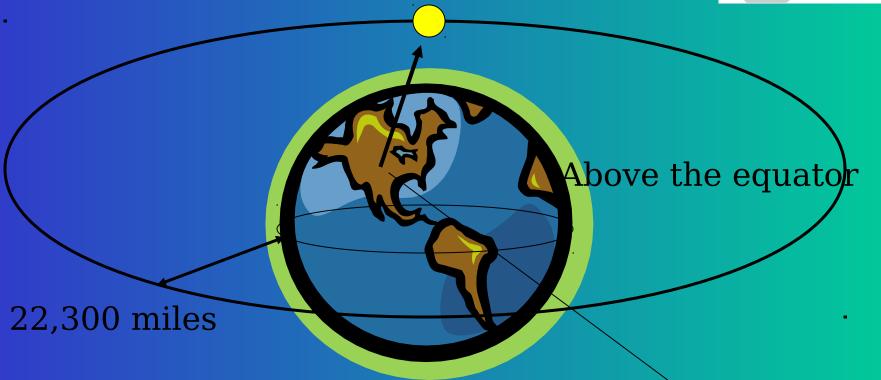




Geostationary Satellites



1 orbit in 24 hours



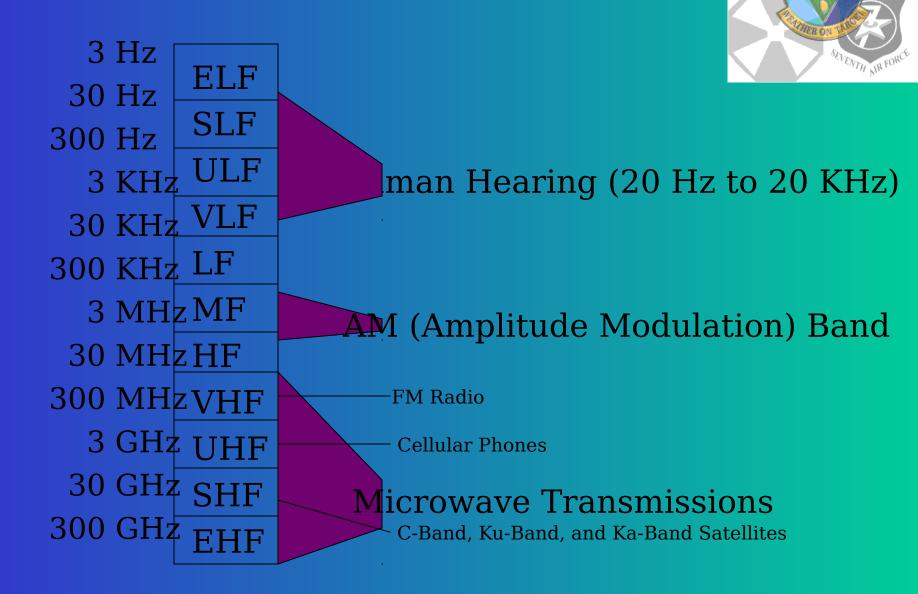
Site points to satellite that appears to be unmoving compared to the ground.

Lack of Coverage at the Poles

No coverage region

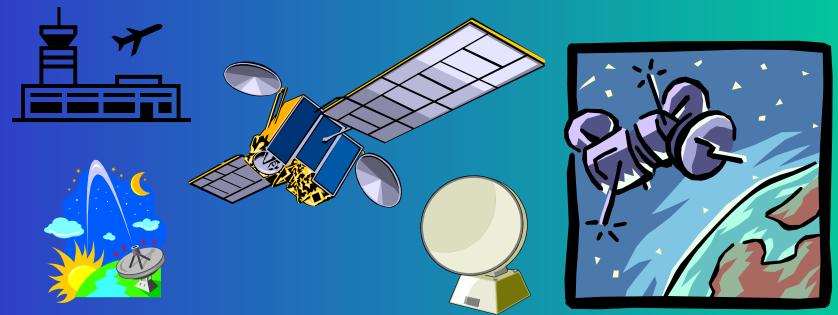


Radio Frequency Spectrum



Microwave Frequencies

	C-Band	Ku-Band	Ka-Band
Frequency Range	4-6 GHz	10 - 14 GHz	24-30 GHz
Shared With	Terrestrial Microwave	None	None
Wavelength	Short /	Very Short	Extremely Short
Weather	No Effect	Some Effect	Great Effect
Antenna Size	Varge	Medium	Small
Spatial Separation	A Degrees	2 Degrees	Degree
Coverage Areas	Hemispheric (large)	Continental (med)	Country (small)
Throughput	LOW .	Medium	High



Rain Fade

- Microwaves are affected by water.
- The shorter the wavelength the more the effect
- Microwave ovens heat by exciting water molecules
- Microwaves from satellites are bouncing off water molecumicrow
- The more signal loss

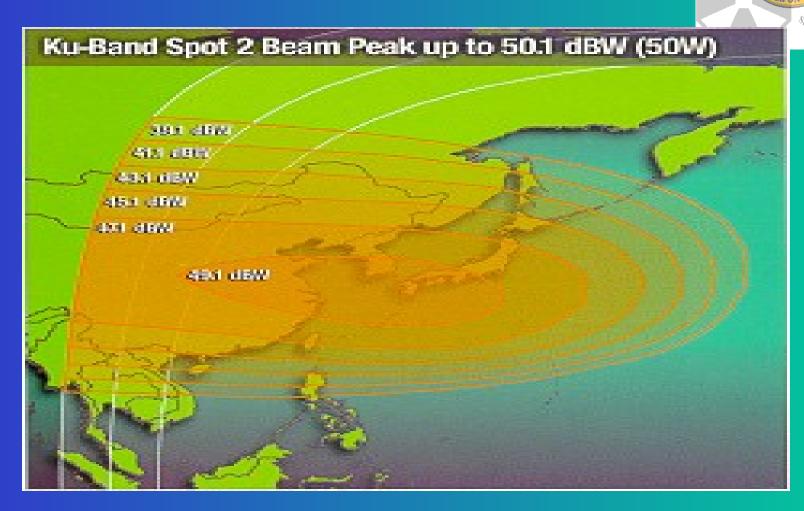
CONUS Space Segment (GE-1)



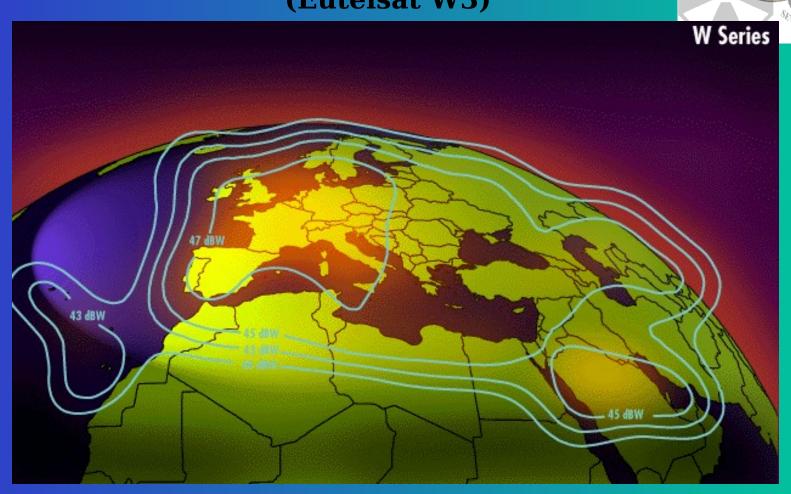
GE-1 Typical Ku-band

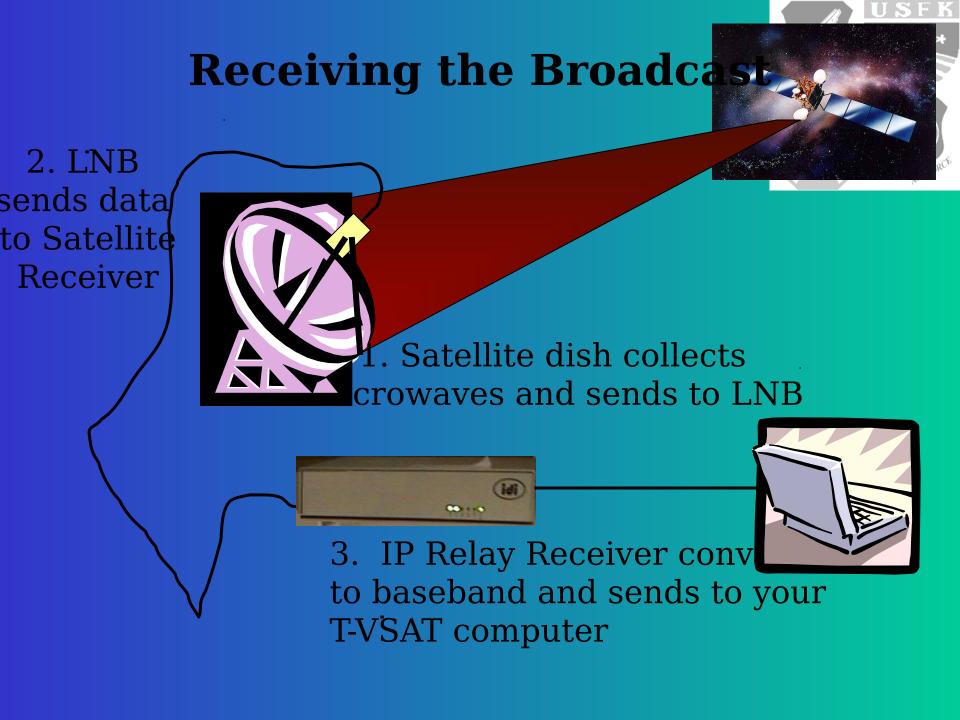


Western Pacific Space Segment (Intelsat 702)



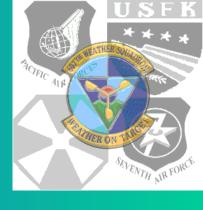
Europe & Southwest Asis Space Segment (Eutelsat W3)

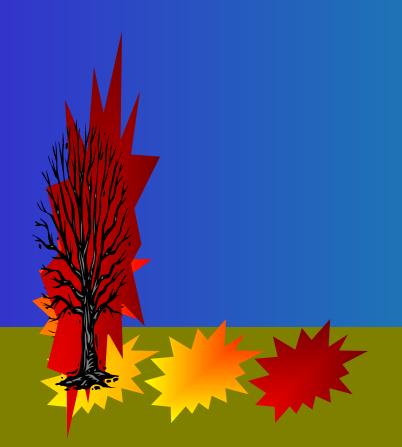






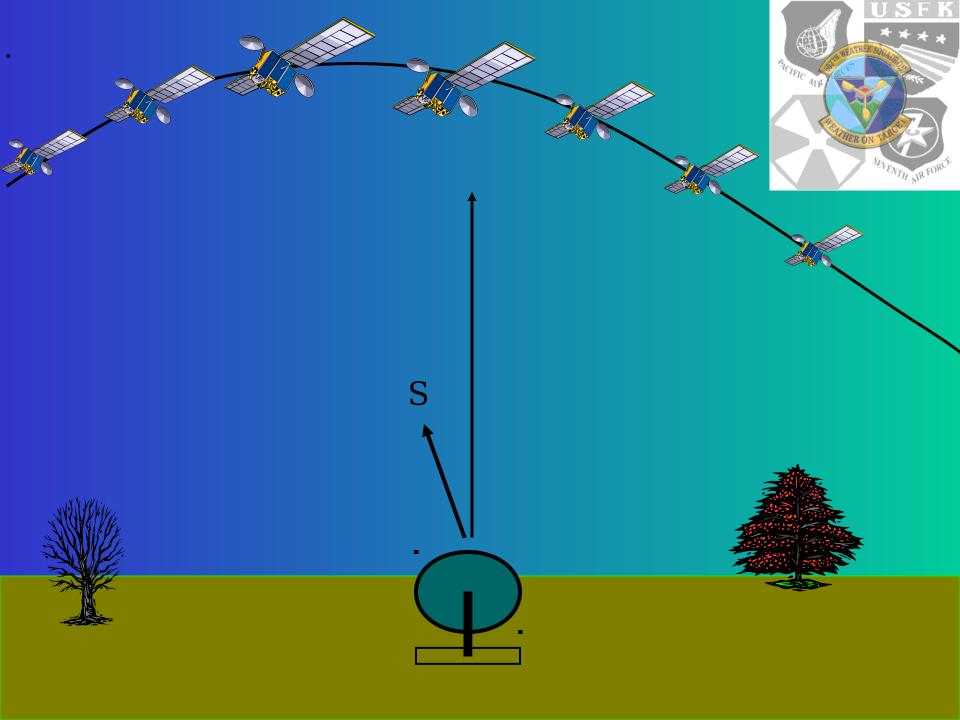












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